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OUTGOING MESSAGE
(By Special Means)

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TO: CJCS

PR 2691

PERSONAL FOR GEN LEMNITZER FROM GEN NORSTAD.

In connection with the Lightner incident of 22 Oct and the general question of Allied personnel in civilian clothes providing identification at the Friedrichstrasse Gate, please see:

- Berlin to State No. ⁶⁸⁶423, 6 October
- Dept of State to Berlin 515, 11 Oct.
- Dept of State to Bonn 1062, 16 Oct.
- Berlin to State 762, 17 Oct.
- Embassy Paris from Steessel to Dept of State 2110, 18 Oct.
- Dept of State to Berlin 555, 18 Oct.
- Embassy Bonn to Dept of State 924, 18 Oct.
- Embassy Bonn to Dept of State 943, 19 Oct.
- Berlin to Dept of State 762, 19 Oct.

While it is absolutely clear that we cannot under any circumstances change the present procedure under direct pressure or the appearance of direct pressure, there appears to be general agreement that we are willing to show identification under the conditions and

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circumstances indicated in the cited messages. Since this is the case, should we not seek the first opportunity to accomplish this rather than find ourselves involved in shooting over a point in which even we ourselves do not believe? Again I repeat that we cannot yield under direct pressure, but we certainly should be in a position to move and move rapidly as soon as circumstances permit.

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